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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT VISITS BOLIVIA

1. PRESIDENTS JUAN MARIA BORDABERRY OF URUGUAY AND UGO BANZER SUAREZ OF BOLIVIA TERMINATED THEIR THREE DAY MEETING (MAY 10-12 1976) IN BOLIVIA'S EASTERN DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL OF SANTA CRUZ WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT DECLARATION. THE COMMUNIQUE: REAFFIRMED THE BILATERAL BOLIVIAN-URUGUAYAN ACCORD OF MONTEVIDEO JULY 26, 1975; EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RISING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS CAUSED BY NEW FORMS OF INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES; OPINED THAT EXISTING INTERAMERICAN INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE REINFORCED; NOTED A COMMON WILL TO ACHIEVE REGIONAL SOLIDARITY IN ORDER TO GIVE LATIN AMERICAN MORE OF A VOICE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM; AND, CALLED ON THE PROPOSED OAS REFORMS TO REESTABLISH COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY OF MEMBER STATES.

2. APART FROM A CONDEMNATION OF BORDABERRY'S VISIT BY THE FEDERATION OF BOLIVIAN MINeworkERS AND A CRITICISM  
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OF BORDABERRY'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY BY RADIO FIDES,

THE URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND THE SUBSEQUENT JOINT COMMUNIQUE ATTRACTED UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE PRESS COMMENT. PRESIDENT BORDABERRY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ADVANCES ALREADY MADE REGARDING BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC AND EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S HOPES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROGRESS AT A SATISFACTORY RATE TOWARD AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION OF BOLIVIA'S VITAL NEED FOR ACCESS TO THE SEA.

3. STUDIES AND EXCHANGES REGARDING BILATERAL TRADE AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES WERE ENDORSED. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AIRLINES REGARDING ROUTING AND CARGO AS WELL AS THE TARIFF FREE-ZONES ESTABLISHED FOR BOLIVIA IN THE PORT OF MONTEVIDEO. MORE SUBSTANTIVELY THE GOB UNDERTOOK TO PURCHASE FIFTY (50) THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT FROM URUGUAY OVER THE 1976-78 PERIOD AND THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REGARDING THE FUTURE SALE OF GAS (ESPECIALLY LIQUID GAS) BY BOLIVIA TO URUGUAY.

4. COMMENT:THE RELATIVELY LOW-KEY, FRIENDLY AND UNEXCEPTIONABLE VISIT WAS OVERSHADOWED AT ITS END BY THE NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS,GENERAL JOAQUIN ZENTENO ANAYA. ALTHOUGH NO NOTABLE DECISIONS OR CHANGES RESULTED FROM THE VISIT, BOTH PRESIDENTS SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THEIR EXCHANGE.  
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